GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
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NATIONAL FOOD PROCESSING POLICY
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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government are preparing a National Food Processing Policy in order to increase the percentage of processed food items from the present two to ten per cent;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the investment to be made by the Government for this purpose?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM)

(a): A draft National Food Processing Policy has been prepared.

(b): The Draft Policy envisages among other things creation of enabling environment, infrastructure development, linkagesat farm level, etc.

(c): Investment in the food processing sector has to essentially come from private sources, both domestic and foreign. The Ministry of Food Processing Industriesprovides financial assistance under Plan Schemes to private industries, publicsector undertakings, non-Governmental organizations, cooperatives, etc. for facilitating food processing.